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b. THE SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS-JAPAN, Collected Summaries of Research Results Presentation Lectures at 53rd Annual Meeting of the Society of Chemical Engineers-Japan, 1988, page 128 (C310), No. 1, The Society of Chemical Engineers-Japan, Japan.

It should be noted that the page 128 (C310) appears on page 20 of the paper being submitted as reference "b." Page 1 of said reference appears to be a title page, and pages 2-19 of said reference appear to list a time table for said lectures.

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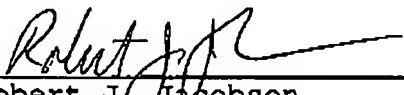
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